

REGION 9 FACILITIES AND FIELDS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011
Joel Barlow High School – Library Media Center

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Attendance: Mr. Hocker, Ms. Abrams, Mr. Karvelis, Dr. Shapiro; Dr. Cicchetti, Mr. McMorran, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Czudak; one member of the public, Susanne Krivit (Redding).

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hocker called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2010 were reviewed. Dr. Shapiro requested that a sentence in 5.A be revised to read: “Mr. Oppenheimer proposes that his property would be restricted from development for 10 years under Public Act 490 *rather than in perpetuity as would typically be found with a Land Trust*” (additional wording in italics). The minutes as amended were approved unanimously. (Shapiro, Karvelis)
3. Public Comment: Ms. Krivit was invited to participate in the subsequent discussions.
4. Board Member Comment: None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action:
 - a. Possible Property Exchange: William Oppenheimer, a neighboring property owner, has revised a previous proposal to exchange a portion of his land for a portion now owned by Region 9. The exchange amounts to approximately 0.2 acre. A map showing the parcels was reviewed. The committee reviewed the reasons given for the exchange and discussed potential conditions for the exchange and specific information needed for considering the proposal further. Dr. Cicchetti agreed to write a letter to Mr. Oppenheimer with these questions and requesting a written response, with the possibility of a telephone call with the committee at a future meeting.
 - b. Update on Status of Building and Fields: Mr. Czudak led a discussion of recent activity pertaining to the high school facilities.
 - Snow removal from the roof was in progress, and there have been no significant adverse effects of the heavy snow observed.
 - In response to reported power quality problems affecting the IT system, Mr. Czudak solicited a proposal to provide an assessment and “maintenance tune-up” of the building’s electrical system. No such assessment has been performed previously. The cost would be \$4,800. Mr. Czudak and Ms. Sullivan will determine how and when to proceed on this.

- Mr. Czudak has obtained a proposal to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the building roof at a cost of \$5,700, since major portions of the roof are aging and the capital cost for replacement or repair is likely to be substantial.
- Mr. Czudak has obtained a proposal to perform a comprehensive structural engineering evaluation of the condition of the stadium, particularly the bleachers and lighting fixtures, at a cost of \$8,500.
- Mr. Czudak would be appearing before the Redding Zoning Commission to seek approval to install scoreboards at the baseball and softball fields. The scoreboards had been obtained in the course of the building project but for various reasons had not been installed.

It was noted in discussion that the purpose of the proposed evaluations was to identify potentially expensive capital maintenance items before they become a crisis, which will assist in orderly planning for future needs.

6. Public Comment: Ms. Krivit noted the large extent to which the previous summer's hot spell had affected the appearance of Field B.
7. Board Member Comment: None.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm (Karvelis, Shapiro).

Minutes prepared by Chris Hocker